

Metro Region News

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"X-Large" preservation projects under way for Super Bowl XL

A \$200 million investment in the city of Detroit is under way in preparation for Super Bowl 40, which will take place at Ford Field in February 2006. In 2004, more than 39 miles of pavement and improvements to 43 bridges will enhance the city for the thousands of visitors expected to attend the NFL Championship game. High impact projects include reconstructing 3.5 miles of I-96 between M-39 and US-24, rebuilding the M-10 bridges over I-94, improvements to the ramps leading I-96 to I-94, and completion of 26 bridges along I-75 between M-8 and M-102.

Region focuses on multi-modal options to improve quality of life for residents

It's more than planes, trains and automobiles for MDOT in 2004. A new connection for the I-275 bike path at US-12 in the city of Wayne is a prime example of the region's commitment to non-motorized facilities. Transit is another area which received a substantial boost when the Blue Water Transit bus line received a \$2.4 million grant to construct a new



Administration and Maintenance Facility in Port Huron. The system has carried more than 13 million riders since 1976, and the new facility will allow BWT to service the entire county and provide better mobility through increased options in rural and urban settings.

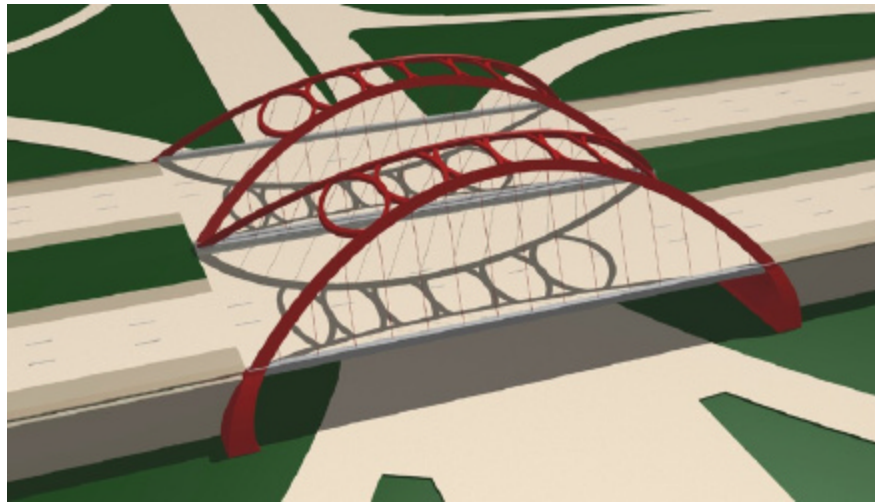
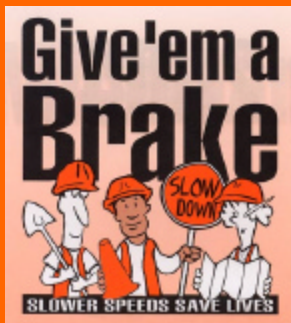
I-94 relocation project "Taylor Made" for safety and mobility

To realize the magnitude of the I-94 reconstruction project in Taylor, consider the preliminary work necessary before the first yard of concrete is poured. Forty acres of vegetation were cleared in the median of the interstate so that crews can realign the freeway in order to create safer access to the US-24 interchange, and to improve mobility by eliminating the outdated left-lane exits and entrance ramps. The two-year, \$58 million project will reconstruct three miles of I-94 between Beech Daly and Pelham roads, resurface US-24 between Ecorse and Van Born roads, and replace six bridges along the interstate.

The Metro Region serves four counties in southeast Michigan, including Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties. The region is home to the state's greatest number of commuters, most lane miles on state trunklines and the most (1,545) bridges.

Away from your computer or just returning from an out-of-town trip? You can find construction updates on the keypad of your cell phone. Just call the Metro Region's Construction Hotline at: 800-641-MDOT. Whether it's weekend closures or long-term projects on specific corridors, the line features recordings on six different mailboxes. Don't be caught in a closure, plan ahead!

The Metro Region is in the midst of a \$500 million infrastructure upgrade. Please remember to drive cautiously through work zones to protect yourself and highway workers.



Artist rendering of tied-arch structure

Despite all the improvements, the focus of this project will be the building of Michigan's first tied-arch bridge. Known as the Gateway Bridge, the structure will welcome visitors from Detroit's Metropolitan Airport and invite them into the downtown area. The Gateway Bridge is expected to be located above Telegraph Road in the latter part of 2004.

Euro-influence is evident on M-53 project in Sterling Heights

The Metro Region is embarking on its first roundabout project along a state trunkline. While roundabouts have been popular for many years in Europe this project is significant because it will become the first modern three-lane roundabout constructed in Michigan. Currently, M-53 is under construction at 18-½ Mile Road in Sterling Heights where crews are in the midst of building this new intersection. The project will provide a variety of benefits to travelers and local residents. A recent traffic study showed that this area has been experiencing traffic congestion which is expected to get worse. Increased mobility will be the result of an improved connection between Mound Road and M-53 via a new five-lane 18-½ Mile Road. Other enhancements include constructing new M-53 ramps into the roundabout, intersection improvements, reconstructing segments of M-53 and upgrading the water main. This project is another example of MDOT's commitment to work with local communities. Also involved in the study and design of the project were the city of Sterling Heights and the Road Commission of Macomb County.

Planning a trip?

Avoid construction delays by planning ahead with MDOT's 2004 "Paving the Way" construction guide. The easy-to-use map is available at local TSCs or by calling the Office of Communications in Lansing at 517-373-2160.